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With respect to interview of individuals having knowledge of conditions in the USSR and leading Soviet personalities, [REDACTED] stated that he was in agreement that actual sponge reports could serve the purpose of current data; that what he had in mind was actually an extension of the assignment [REDACTED] had for GENIS which filled the gaps and extended the work he did. This would involve interviews with any Soviet refugees or exiles who left Russia and might have information which to date has not been systematically weaned from them and would serve the following two purposes:

- a. Provide significant data on personalities of top leaders which might have some clue for interpretation of future events.
- b. Biographical data on individuals which could be used for fomenting suspicion and conflict between rival cliques, or creating rival cliques by feeding such data into proper hands.

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